

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 15, please amend the second paragraph as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

As described with reference to Figure 3~~1~~, if the analog video out 224~~124~~ and the analog audio outputs ~~226~~126 ~~can~~are to be digitally recorded, they must first be re-digitized or converted to a digital signal using an analog to digital converter and encoded. As previously described, this results in a degradation of the original digital video stream. In the set top box 210 shown in Figure 4, this degradation of the video stream is avoided because the output of the transport 218 (118 in figure 1) is directed to the storage medium 220 (151 in figure 1) and recorded in an encoded digital format on the storage medium 220 as indicated by the dashed line 219. The storage medium 220 may be a hard drive or other computer readable medium as described with reference to Figure 2. Because the video stream or channel is digitally recorded as it was received at the set top box, the encoded digital format may be determined from the content provider.

On page 16, please amend the second paragraph as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

As indicated by the dashed lines 219 and 215, the output of the transport 218 can be directed to the storage 220 and/or the decoder 222. Thus, the transport 218 is effectively decoupled from the decoder 222 when the output of the transport 218 is directed to the storage 220. More generally, the tuner 214 is also decoupled from the decoder 222 because the transport stream tuned by the tuner 214 is not being viewed in this example, and it is possible to view a previously recorded channel while the set top box 210 is recording another channel. For

example, the tuner 214 may be used such that a first video stream may be stored as recording 229, while a second video stream from the recording 230, which was previously recorded, may be decoded by the decoder 222 (122 in figure 1) and presented to a user on a suitable device. It is important to understand that the recording 230 was recorded without decoding the recording 230 in order to minimize the degradation of the recording 230. The recording 230 was also recorded from the output of the transport 218 as described above. In this manner, a channel may be recorded while another channel is viewed in a set top box that only has a single tuner.